

## The Holidays

Manny was ready for the holidays. He had been thinking about it (**for, had, when**) weeks and weeks. While he was (**think, sure, know**) to get lots of presents, he (**know, from, was**) more excited about all the gifts (**after, that, walk**) he had bought for his family.

(**Yellow, He, By**) had worked hard in delivering newspapers (**some, take, and**) saved his money. For his dad, (**Manny, round, again**) had bought a new fishing pole (**fly, to, give**) replace his old, broken one. Manny (**please, her, was**) sure this one would finally help (**his, under, just**) dad catch a big fish. No (**how, more, could**) coming home from fishing trips without (**a, live, then**) fish.

For his mother, Manny bought (**any, a, going**) wool sweater. It was her favorite (**old, thank, color**), a light blue. Manny had overheard (**ask, his, pretty**) mother talking about how cold it (**let, had, over**) been, so he was sure she (**every, as, would**) like her new, warm sweater.

Manny's (**sister, once, your**) liked to listen to music, so (**has, for, them**) her he bought a recording of (**may, her, stop**) favorite group, the Cards. He wasn't (**sure, his, open**) why she liked this group, but (**were, but, knew**) she would be happy listening to (**put, him, the**) record.

Finally, Manny had bought a (**gift, some, green**) for his younger brother, Freddy. He (**were, match, had**) decided on a basketball. Freddy was (**just, jump, pass**) learning how to play, and Manny (**sail, thought, could**) he could use some extra practice. (**Since, Corn, Maybe**) if he helped Freddy out, Manny (**help, thought, were**), his brother could make the team (**next, today, you**) year at school.

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## The New House

When the day came to begin building their new house everyone was very excited. They did not have big machines (**to, plight, clang**) dig a hole for the basement, (**flog, so, bleat**) all the men and boys used (**glee, slain, a**) shovel to dig the hole. It (**took, prune, crane**) weeks just to dig the hole (**frock, and, brood**) haul away all of the dirt. (**Graze, Trunk, My**) mother began to think that the (**house, dress, spill**) would never get built.

Once the (**stain, horse, men**) finished digging the hole, the house (**skate, began, bring**) to go up like magic. The (**snail, twin, new**) pieces of wood were quickly sawed (**into, cling, globe**) just the right length to make (**cream, walls, grade**). The pounding of nails never stopped. (**Soon, Speak, Frail**), a house stood where there once (**swim, was, treat**) just a hilltop.

My mother grew (**up, pen, groan**) in that house. She helped her (**clash, mother, blend**) to clean and cook. Cooking was (**more, broom, mean**) fun for her than cleaning. That (**smack, was, sport**) a good thing because her father (**and, cram, grin**) brothers liked to eat a lot (**bread, after, scout**) working hard in the fields. It (**was, smart, glass**) a good thing for me, too, (**sweep, dress, because**) she learned to bake cookies, cakes, (**and, glean, snug**) pies. When she was little she (**could, tweed, did**) all of the cooking. Now I (**black, get, return**) to eat what she bakes!

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## My Room

My room is my own. In my room I can be (**boss, clip, fleet**). That may not seem very important (**black, to, glen**) you, but it is to me. (**Slope, I, Pride**) am a kid and kids are (**crop, fresh, not**) boss in very many places, so (**if, gray, tree**) I can be boss in my (**dream, room, spank**) it is important to me.

When (**stone, twig, you**) walk into my room you can (**tell, sneak, flesh**) it's a kid's room right away. (**Slaying, On, Fright**) the walls I have some very (**large, tray, stake**) posters of some of my favorite (**smile, people, prowl**). Since I like to sing, some (**of, breach, dress**) the posters are pictures of singers. (**fling, stay, I**) like those pictures very much, but (**my, snout, drive**) dad doesn't. He thinks that most (**tray, of, clown**) the popular singers aren't really very (**good, blunt, crab**) singers. You know how parents can (**sleeve, starch, be**) sometimes. They seem to think that (**only, flight, smash**) the singers who were popular when (**froze, sleet, they**) were kids sing very well. I'm (**glad, flint, tweed**) I'm boss in my room, I (**snatch, wouldn't, still**) want pictures of my parents favorite (**singers, skirt, train**) on my walls.

Now I just (**creep, wish, proof**) I could keep my mom and (**dad, slight, bluff**) out of my room. When they (**clean, flit, come**) in they always find something for (**treat, me, clash**) to clean up.

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## The Trip

The day came that we were to leave on our trip. Dad put the four suitcases in (**cramp, the, smelt**) trunk. The trouble began when all (**three, tramp, saint**) of us kids tried to get (**stamp, which, into**) the front seat.

"I should sit (**in, blond, swift**) front," said Sarah, "because I'm the (**gloom, oldest, trust**)!"

"But I'm the littlest and I (**can't, flame, shred**) see out the window when I'm (**split, in, state**) back!" cried Anthony.

"I have an (**idea, bright, starch**) that will solve this problem," said (**pump, shrink, Dad**). "Since there are three of you (**desk, and, stand**) the trip will take three hours, (**swept, you, trump**) can take turns and each spend (**splash, proud, an**) hour in the front seat."

We (**agreed, down, stress**) with the idea and Sarah flipped (**twist, a, ground**) coin to see who got the (**front, stretch, waist**) seat first. Anthony won the coin (**speak, toss, blend**) and chose to sit in the (**clown, crowd, front**) seat first.

As we drove along, (**plant, we, welt**) passed many farms and small towns. (**It, Crust, Roast**) was a sunny day and people (**stream, were, greet**) outside working and playing. When it (**still, sling, was**) my turn to sit in the (**front, trust, video**) seat, we stopped to have a (**scalp, picnic, curl**) lunch. Very soon, we were back (**on, speech, glide**) the road driving toward Boston. From (**smoke, milk, the**) front seat, I could see much (**better, spree, flirt**). As we got closer to the (**steal, slam, city**) we saw more houses, buildings and (**traffic, roast, blank**) increased.

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## Music Lessons

I guess you have to take music lessons to learn how to play the horn. But I wish there were an (**easier, frock, sport**) way. My music teacher is very (**skirt, nice, twig**). She always makes practice fun, but (**sneer, grip, practicing**) takes time.

Time is very important (**to, crop, snug**) me. I never seem to have (**scout, enough, drum**). The time after school until supper (**broom, prop, is**) very short. That's the time when (**I'm, bled, pain**) supposed to practice on my horn. (**Plain, My, Sweep**) music teacher says I should practice (**smart, scold, about**) ten minutes every day. When it's (**a, stand, drink**) nice day and my friends are (**stand, waiting, drink**) to play, ten minutes takes forever. (**Then, Speech, Trick**) if I try to sneak out (**groan, bred, early**) and my mom catches me I (**have, fray, crack**) to practice another ten minutes. Sometimes (**prow, it, slave**) seems as if the adults in (**my, glass, blade**) world don't want me to play (**fled, claim, with**) my friends.

I wonder if there (**is, plow, bring**) something bad about having a good (**plan, time, club**)? I think I'll ask my parents (**flour, bless, about**) that. I know what they will (**tell, gleam, slunk**) me, though. They'll tell me that (**print, if, crush**) all I ever do is play (**I, free, bright**) won't amount to anything when I (**greet, grow, truck**) up. Can that really be true? (**I, spell, stake**) don't know, but right now I (**scowl, clash, have**) to go practice.

## The Hike

Carlos and Jordan were going hiking in the mountains. Both wanted to hike in the (**Snowy, Read, Your**) Mountains. Carlos planned the route for (**right, the, write**) hike. He spent time reading a (**singing, would, hiking**) guide about trails in this area. (**The, Sit, Work**) hiking guide described a fifty-mile (**sleep, trail, wish**) that sounded interesting, but was it (**tall, why, too**) long? After reading about it, neither (**boy, upon, which**) thought so. It would be a (**wash, good, their**) trip. They were ready to go.

(**The, These, Very**) trail followed the southern ridge. The (**use, those, steep**) route was called the Ridge Trail. (**They, About, Better**) saw many good views, so Jordan (**bring, was, carry**) glad he had his camera. There (**was, clean, done**) plenty of wildlife. Deer and bear (**cut, were, draw**) common, as were eagles. The camping (**drink, eight, spots**) were good. There were also many (**fall, ponds, far**). This made for a nice swim (**on, full, got**) hot days. Carlos wondered if there (**grow, were, hold**) any fish in the small lakes.

(**The, Hot, Long**) trail, however, was steep in sections. (**Hurt, At, If**) one point it rose 1000 feet, (**traversing, keep, light**) the mountain with many switchbacks. Fortunately, (**they, laugh, much**) had been working on getting in (**myself, never, shape**). They had hiked a lot.

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## Alex

Alex brought out the photograph album full of family pictures.

"Wow," said Tony, "You really have (**a, seat, back**) lot of pictures." "These are pictures (**sing, of, fight**) my great grandparents when they were (**young, when, her**)" explained Alex.

"This is a picture (**light, barter, of**) my great grandfather. When he was (**only, hall, light**) eight years old he came to (**Fight, America, Fall**) from Scotland. He worked for a (**bite, cute, clockmaker**) and learned how to make all (**kinds, crowd, veal**) of clocks. When he got older (**speck, he, read**) started his own business making clocks. (**Kick, Rock, That**) clock over on the desk was (**made, right, white**) by him."

"How old is that (**quake, clock, quick**)?" asked Tony.

"It's over 100 years (**fine, park, old**). It's made of brass and oak, (**but, reach, shock**) best of all, it still gives (**bring, while, the**) correct time."

"What about your grandmother?" (**Bright, Tony, Harder**) asked. "Was she from Scotland?"

"No,"(**bead, tall, replied**) Alex, "she was born in America, (**but, howl, torn**) both her parents were from Germany. (**Seem, They, Stir**) were farmers and came here to (**start, then, heat**) a new farm. First they moved (**duck, wing, to**) the state of New York, but (**light, land, whip**) was too expensive there. Then they (**air, moved, gird**) to Indiana and found land they (**could, blight, wheat**) afford. They bought 120 acres of (**light, land, peach**) and built a farmhouse."

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## Friend

My family was living in Taiwan for the year. We met many Chinese students there. (**We, Sun, Blink**) made lots of friends. One of (**bend, my, hand**) favorite friends was Teddy. That was (**sunk, den, his**) English name. I met him on (**a, drunk, sank**) boat trip. We were both passengers (**gun, drank, coming**) back from an island. I was (**and, sitting, sent**) in a seat on the deck. (**I, clink, land**) saw Teddy look at me. He (**went, wasn't, sank**) sure if he wanted to talk (**bun, pink, to**) me. Then he walked over. He (**twin, asked, tent**) if he could sit down. He (**was, spinning, stun**) wearing a student uniform like all (**ink, the, spin**) students do in Taiwan.

"Are you (**Men, Bond, American**)?" he asked in English.

I told (**van, him, bank**) that I was an American. He (**asked, pond, mend**) me where I went to school. (**Clan, I, Junk**) told him about the American school (**rank, pen, in**) Taiwan. Then he asked me if (**fond, I, lint**) took Chinese in school. I was (**uncomfortable, ground, chest**) in answering that question because I (**hand, rest, was**) doing so poorly in my Chinese (**sound, class, nest**). I finally blurted out that I (**take, crest, mean**) Chinese, but was getting a "D" (**grand, in, hound**) it. He laughed and said he (**had, brand, west**) failed English. Together we laughed about (**stand, our, bound**) common problem. We continued our conversation (**band, sand, speaking**) a little Chinese and a little (**English, chest, truck**). Our teachers would have loved it.



## Toll Booth

Dad threw the crust of the sandwich on the ground and a group of birds came by and flew away with it. Soon, we were back on the (**road, splash, dump**) driving toward Boston. From the front (**belt, seat, milk**) I could see much better. As (**grasp, strike, we**) approached the big city we could (**see, train, screen**) more houses and less farms. Traffic (**spray, was, have**) so heavy with the cars and (**mean, whose, trucks**) that dad had to slow down. (**Brisk, Up, Left**) ahead on the road I could (**farm, apple, see**) flashing lights.

"What's that flashing light (**and, about, thing**) little house?" Anthony asked.

"That's a (**wrap, toll, box**) booth," said Dad. "We have to (**folks, simple, pay**) 75 cents to use this part (**star, of, finger**) the road." As we drove up (**to, minute, only**) the toll booth, a red light (**black, flashed, wagon**) and we came to a halt. (**Lost, What, Dad**) gave the man in the booth (**a, week, she**) dollar and got a quarter back. (**Cake, World, Soon**) the red light changed to green (**thank, and, writer**) we drove away.

We were driving (**plant, return, the**) busy streets of Boston now. Dad (**asked, make, same**) us not to talk so he (**subject, could, fish**) concentrate on reading the street signs. (**Where, Upon, There**) were lots of tall buildings and (**splash, people, quiet**) walking the sidewalks. Yellow taxicabs were (**everywhere, reply, grade**) and buses were taking people back (**story, and, some**) forth.

Sarah and Anthony and I (**liked, eleven, project**) looking out the windows at all (**below, the, report**) activity. It was hard to keep (**quiet, travel, dress**) when there was so much to (**road, talk, stuck**) about.

## Shooting Stars

Emma loved to look at the sky at night and watch the stars. One night when she was outside (**with, plow, claim**) her brother she saw a shooting (**fled, star, blade**). The star swept across the dark (**glass, slave, sky**) and left a long trail of (**prow, crack, light**). Emma thought it was a wonderful (**sight, plain, bled**). "I wish I could see a (**prop, shooting, broom**) star every night," she thought to (**speech, grip, herself**).

When Emma found out that her (**class, plight, clang**) was going to learn about space, (**print, crush, she**) became excited. She hoped they would (**stake, talk, glean**) about shooting stars. Mrs. Carson was (**where, school, the**) science teacher and she told the (**spark, class, blend**) that they would learn about the (**paint, toast, moon**), the planets and the stars. Emma (**raised, husk, lisp**) her hand and asked if they (**camp, bulk, would**) learn about shooting stars. Mrs. Carson (**said, belt, act**) that they would learn about a (**lift, very, found**) special shooting star that would soon (**appear, yeast, desk**). Everyone thought that was great!

The (**run, wisp, first**) week the children heard about the (**planets, romp, milk**) that make up the solar system. (**Hilt, Fact, The**) next week they learned about how (**stars, tuft, kept**) are just like our sun. Finally, (**faint, it, first**) was time to talk about shooting (**stars, risk, crisp**). Emma told the class about the (**bump, shooting, hulk**) star she had seen. Mrs. Carson (**then, quilt, left**) told the class about one of (**wept, count, the**) greatest shooting stars and said it (**was, burst, dusk**) called Haley's Comet.

## TV

We all know what the two letters "TV" mean. They mean television. TV has become (**a, drive, snout**) big part of our lives. Most (**stay, kids, fling**) grow up watching TV. Some people (**dress, breach, think**) that many of the words kids (**learn, prowl, smile**) come from TV. Those same people (**tray, are, stake**) afraid that we also learn to (**fright, slay, do**) the things we see on TV. (**Why, Flesh, Twig**) would anyone be afraid of what (**sneak, children, dream**) might learn on TV? Can you (**stone, tree, guess**)? Well, one reason why people worry (**is, gray, bring**) that we see so much fighting (**fresh, and, crop**) killing on TV. We also know (**pride, slope, that**) after you see someone fighting you (**might, glen, black**) also fight. If the hero of (**clip, a, fleet**) show you are watching fights to (**tray, clown, get**) his own way then you might (**fight, blunt, wreck**) to get your own way. Another (**sleeve, reason, flight**) why people worry about kids watching (**twine, so, smash**) much TV is that people who (**watch, trench, froze**) a lot of TV read less. (**Sleet, You, Skirt**) really can't read very much when (**still, dress, the**) TV is on all the time! (**Reading, Speak, Drill**) is much better for you than (**match, still, watching**) TV. Reading helps you use your (**imagination, cling, trunk**). It can teach you about anything (**globe, and, skate**) you can always read about something (**stain, brand, twice**) if you don't understand it. Reading (**is, flog, flour**) just as fun as watching TV. (**Spell, Bled, Have**) you tried it lately?

## The Hotel

We drove into the bustling city of Boston. Dad asked us not to talk (**so, paint, toast**) he could read the street signs. (**Husk, There, Lisp**) were many tall buildings and lots (**camp, bulk, of**) people walking on the sidewalks. Yellow (**taxicabs, belt, act**) could be seen everywhere. Buses were (**lift, taking, count**) people back and forth.

"Here's our (**yeast, desk, hotel**)," said Dad happily. He stopped the (**car, wisp, milk**) in front of the large hotel (**fact, and, kept**) a man took our suitcases inside (**the, faint, left**) hotel. Another man drove our car (**bump, away, risk**) to park it in the ramp. (**Crisp, Hulk, Inside**) the hotel lobby were lots of (**people, quilt, count**) walking around looking very busy.

"Oh, (**boy, sift, swept**) let's go swimming right now!" said (**Mount, Coast, Anthony**).

"No, I want to walk around (**brisk, the, grasp**) city!" said Sarah.

"There will be (**time, jump, bulk**) for both," Dad said. "Let's go (**raft, slept, to**) our rooms and unpack our bags."

(**Our, Splash, Wilt**) room was on the 10th floor (**bulb, elm, of**) the hotel. There was one big (**room, help, belt**) with two beds and a smaller (**boast, room, split**) with one bed. Sarah got to (**limp, have, held**) the small room. Dad had one (**bed, scrub, strike**) and Anthony and I had to (**street, share, felt**) the other one. When we looked (**plow, drove, out**) the window we could see the (**city, twin, skill**) skyline with all the tall buildings.

## Driver's License

Lakeesha was confident about getting her driver's license. Her sixteenth birthday was only a (**month, corn, soothe**) away. She had taken a driver's (**made, education, room**) course at school. She did very (**sir, born, well**) in it. Lakeesha knew all about (**seat, the, shot**) different types of road signs. She (**knew, raining, day**) what speed was appropriate for different (**fur, roads, bark**). She knew what to do if (**boat, cow, it**) was raining or snowing.

Lakeesha had (**also, shop, ball**) been practicing. She received her driver's (**permit, farm, burn**) when she turned 15. That let (**short, herd, her**) practice driving with an adult. She (**cold, liked, pitch**) going out with her Dad. He (**was, hold, curt**) a good teacher. Her dad showed (**now, pail, her**) how to start the car and (**seem, to, white**) stop it. He talked to her (**about, match, meal**) how to slow up at the (**shout, intersections, quit**). Her father explained to her how (**such, fir, to**) speed up to pass a car. (**He, When, That**) showed her how to signal at (**pay, the, road**) right time.

The hardest thing to (**peek, sight, learn**) was parallel parking. At first she (**turn, wasn't, pork**) very good at it. But her (**dad, chain, soon**) told her everyone had trouble learning (**sing, how, neck**) to parallel park. Soon she got (**queen, paid, the**) idea. Now she is good at (**parallel, table, bird**) parking. At first Lakeesha thought she (**would, bold, while**) buy her own car. But when (**pool, she, fight**) learned how much a car would (**cost, call, whip**), she changed her mind. Her dad (**found, said, tall**) she could use the family car (**girl, catch, now**) and then.

## Tree House

Billy and David were playing baseball in their yard. Billy was looking for the ball (**when, play, clock**) he heard his dad hammering. Where (**flame, was, blink**) he, he thought to himself. Billy (**gloom, slid, stopped**) looking for the ball and started (**preach, looking, crib**) for his dad.

Dad looked like (**he, frill, brush**) was fixing the apple tree. Billy (**had, grand, track**) never seen his dad in the (**drank, apple, span**) tree before. Billy climbed this tree (**a, stall, plank**) lot and would often climb way (**small, up, blond**) near the top. Sometimes he would (**press, brag, even**) climb way out on a branch. (**People, Drive, Scum**) never saw him sitting in the (**snake, tree, plate**). He was hidden by the leaves (**scorn, glean, and**) the branches. He could see them (**smack, walk, glass**) by on the sidewalk, but they (**would, plow, claim**) never see him. It was a (**great, fled, blade**) place to sit.

Billy's dad asked (**him, glass, slave**) to bring him some wood. Billy (**brought, crack, fray**) some plywood pieces and two-by-(**bred, fours, groan**), from the garage to his father. (**Then, Trick, Drink**) he sat down to watch his (**speech, stand, dad**) sawing and hammering nails. His dad (**was, plain, scold**) building a box in the tree. (**Smart, Bled, The**) box looked like a small house. (**Broom, Prop, Billy**) knew then that they would soon (**have, drum, scout**) a tree house!

Billy helped his (**snug, dad, twig**) during the project. He picked up (**crop, nails, grip**) that his dad dropped and he (**ran, sneer, skirt**) to the house to get tools. (**Sport, By, Plan**) the end of the day, Billy (**had, club, flour**) a tree house.

## Being Tired

I get very tired at night. Sometimes I am so tired I (**don't, coal, out**) know what I should be doing. (**Small, I, Them**) walk around the house until I (**quick, stir, see**) something to do. Then I stop (**curd, and, coat**) do that for a while. Soon (**my, boom, with**) mom will ask me why I (**quite, peck, am**) doing that. I have to tell (**scar, her, storm**) that I don't know. Then I (**gold, walk, bold**) some more until I find something (**else, whip, shout**) that looks interesting. Then I begin (**pope, to, king**) fool around with that. After I (**time, bug, have**) walked around like this doing different (**man, things, rope**) I feel lost. About then my (**mom, mute, kite**) or dad will begin to get (**lake, mad, sack**) at me and ask me why (**lot, Wade, I**) don't go to bed. That usually (**shock, sounds, mate**) like a great idea because I (**am, line, tune**) so tired. I will then head (**for, tune, hole**) my bedroom, but on the way (**date, I, neck**) will find something else that looks (**interesting, note, sun**). I begin to fool around again (**fish, until, fed**) my mom or dad sees me. (**Reach, Dress, Then**) I'm in trouble. I'll bet you (**green, wonder, make**) if I ever get to bed. (**Sometimes, Clock, Weep**) even I wonder how I get (**mold, to, clay**) bed. Sometimes I fall asleep in (**a, itch, fool**) chair or on the floor and (**then, may, wish**) my dad will carry me to (**black, date, my**) bed. I'm glad he helps me (**go, line, bug**) to bed.

## The Vacation

Jenny was going on vacation. This excited her. This year would (**be, paint, toast**) different. Usually her family camped. But (**husk, not, lisp**) this time. They were going to (**camp, bulk, the**) city. This would be new. There (**were, belt, act**) many things to see. She even (**lift, made, fount**) a list. First was the amusement (**yeast, desk, park**). It had many new rides. She (**wanted, romp, milk**) to ride the Rocket. The Haunted (**Fact, House, Kept**) was also on the list. Friends (**faint, crisp, said**) it was really scary. The roller (**coaster, risk, bump**) was also a must.

The zoo (**hulk, was, left**) next on the list. It had (**wept, count, many**) new animals. She wanted to see (**kangaroos, burst, dusk**). The Siberian tiger was also on (**lamp, the, silk**) list. She was also excited about (**the, sift, mount**) whales. And there were beautiful parrots. (**Coast, Brisk, The**) animals were from all over the (**grasp, world, jump**). She would get lots of pictures. (**Her, Bulk, Tilt**) camera would be busy. She would (**raft, need, slept**) lots of film.

Last was the (**least, new, clasp**) skyscraper. She would go to the (**top, fact, crept**). It was a great view on (**where, claim, top**). She hoped for a nice day. (**So, Dump, Help**) much to do! Jenny could hardly (**feast, wait, strip**).



## A Long Day

Anthony got tired of walking and Dad had to give him a piggyback ride. Finally, we got to the bay (**about, where, better**) the Boston Tea Party had been. (**There, Bring, Carry**) were lots of ships in the (**clean, cut, bay**). We were all getting hungry, so (**Dad, done, long**) took us into a small shop. (**Draw, They, Light**) had all kinds of fish lying (**laugh, drink, on**) ice. We each ate some shrimp.

"(**Eight, I, Kind**) want to go swimming," Anthony repeated.

"(**Me, Fall, Keep**), too," said Sarah. "This has been (**full, fun, got**) but let's go back to the (**grow, hold, hotel**)."

"Okay," Dad agreed, "I think we've (**had, mean, which**) enough walking for one day."

This (**hurt, time, much**) we rode the bus. When we (**myself, never, got**) off, we still had to walk (**two, phone, warm**) blocks to the hotel. While Anthony (**own, and, pick**) Sarah went swimming, I fell asleep. (**What, Seven, Try**) a long day it had been! (**Time, Tomorrow, Pleasure**) Dad said we were probably going (**reach, tall, to**) see a baseball game at famous (**Sheep, Fenway, Right**) Park.

## The Old Tree

The huge tree stump in the park made a great hiding place for us. We found it one day in (**the, plow, drove**) park when we were playing hide (**twin, and, skill**) seek. It was about eight feet (**gasp, dog, tall**) and the center was hollow. It (**clam, was, speech**) hard to climb and crawl up (**the, glide, smoke**) side but I made it. Joey (**milk, followed, flirt**) me up and we both slipped (**down, steal, roast**) inside the trunk. The two of (**slam, us, saint**) sat there quietly while our friends (**blank, scar, tried**) to find us. We sat there (**a, prime, disk**) long time and began to feel (**fact, cramped, scrub**). Tired of feeling cramped, we decided (**grove, snake, to**) climb out.

Joey started climbing first, (**but, crowd, lamp**) couldn't get any higher than a (**theft, couple, sprain**) of feet. There weren't any branches (**trip, sway, to**) hold onto on the inside of (**frog, the, quilt**) tree. There wasn't anything for him (**to, wept, strife**) grab, only the steep, slippery inside (**cramp, smelt, of**) the tree trunk. I tried next (**to, tramp, gloom**) climb up but also got nowhere. (**Stamp, We, Which**) were really trapped inside that tree (**blond, swift, trunk**). We started yelling and soon we (**saw, trust, flame**) Peter above us looking over the (**shred, spilt, edge**). He could see we needed help (**state, and, bright**) left to get his dad.

We (**swept, waited, proud**) and waited, but no one came. (**We, Drown, Stress**) shouted frantically and then we saw (**Peter's, Waist, Speak**) dad looking at us. He reached (**to, crowd, plant**) each of us and lifted us (**crust, out, roast**) of the tree. Then Peter's dad (**stream, greet, made**) us promise we would never go (**into, still, sling**) the tree trunk again. We thanked (**trust, dream, him**) and made the promise.

## The Big Spider

Freddy saw a big spider. It was the biggest one he (**had, paint, toast**) ever seen! It was hanging from (**husk, the, list**) bush. The baby didn't like the (**lisp, white, spider**) and started to cry. Freddy picked (**camp, up, bulk**) the baby and carried her away. (**He, Belt, Act**) set her down again, and then (**rapt, lint, grabbed**) a large stick. He crept toward (**the, yeast, desk**) spider with the stick in his (**where, back, hand**). Freddy wanted to kill it before (**wisp, it, romp**) could bite the baby. He was (**bright, corn, very**) afraid because he thought the spider (**might, milk, hilt**) jump and he would miss.

Freddy (**fact, hit, turf**) the spider on the back as (**kept, faint, hard**) as he could with the stick. (**First, Without, Risk**) stopping to look he hit it (**crush, bump, again**) and again. Carol was surprised when (**she, hulk, quilt**) saw Freddy swinging the stick. She (**secret, ran, left**) to where the baby was lying. (**Wept, Count, The**) baby was smiling. Freddy stopped hitting (**burst, the, night**) spider. He turned to Carol and (**gasp, lamp, smiled**). The spider was gone.

Carol smiled, (**too, silk, pelt**). She and Freddy had come here (**sift, to, more**) the woods to enjoy a quiet (**picnic, return, their**). On a hot day, the woods (**jump, tie, was**) the coolest place to be. The (**soap, spider, coast**) had spoiled their quiet moment, but (**now, truck, seem**) she was happy. Carol was glad (**Splash, Freddy, Dump**) had been so brave and had (**protected, strike, feast**) the baby. They both felt very (**street, live, lucky**).

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## How To Groom A Dog

To groom a dog, you should begin by getting them wet with a hose or in a tub of water. Then you get out all of (**your, ground, ring**) supplies. These items would be scissors, (**bang, comb, nest**), brush, dog shampoo, hose, nail clipper, (**chest, sound, blow**) dryer, towel, rubbing alcohol, and cotton (**balls, will, band**). You are now ready to start (**the, found, test**) grooming.

It would be a good (**stall, idea, rang**) to go outside and do this (**fill, grand, on**) the pavement or yard. After you (**chill, bound, get**) the dog wet, comb or brush (**them, bring, sang**) thoroughly. Now start trimming the dog. (**Play, When, Clock**) you trim around their nails, you (**flame, blink, want**) to trim the long hair covering (**their, gloom, slid**) nails, but not too short. When (**preach, you, crib**) trim their ears you want to (**frill, blue, cut**) about an inch below the ear. (**Finish, Grand, Track**) the rest of the trimming and (**drank, don't, span**) forget their stomach.

Then you drench (**your, stall, plank**) dog again so you can scrub. (**Small, Blond, When**) you do this you scrub everywhere. (**Make, Sway, Press**) sure you wash under the ears (**brag, and, drive**) stomach. After this rinse thoroughly and (**run, scum, plate**) your fingers through their hair for (**snake, acorn, any**) snarls. Repeat for conditioner. Then take (**a, glean, smack**) blow dryer and towel and dry (**for, twain, glass**) about ten minutes.